



Campus Update September 2013

Staff Appreciation Week 2013

Staff Appreciation Week was held May 20-24. The theme was "Locally Grown Family." The festivities included a Farmers Market, Down-Home Country Breakfast, Vote for Your Favorite Critter, Ice Cream Social, Games, Fishing Hole (with prizes), tours of the Central Plant and Tunnel, Solar Panel Array, and Vista Point. The week ended with a picnic hosted by Chancellor Leland. Proceeds from the fundraising activities benefit our Scholarship Fund for children of UC Merced employees.

Staff Citation of Excellence Awards

Chancellor Leland presented five outstanding staff members a Staff Citation of Excellence Award during the Staff Appreciation Picnic on May 24, 2013. Staff members were nominated by their peers. They each received a \$500 cash award and a personalized crystal award. Their names are also engraved on a perpetual plaque displayed in a prominent location on campus.

Town Hall

The summer town hall meeting hosted by Staff Assembly was held on August 22nd. Campus leadership in attendance included the Chancellor, Executive Vice Chancellor & Provost, the Vice Chancellor for Budget and Planning, and the Vice Chancellor for Business and Administrative Services. All campus community members were invited to attend, or to watch the session via a streaming web conference. Some of the topics covered included: 20/20 project updates, Campus facility upgrades and improvements, executive searches, strategic planning, staff mentoring programs, staff training, executive searches, and salary compression issues.

CIO Search Committee, Vice Chancellor for Business and Administrative Services Search Committee, and Dean of Graduate Education Search Committee

UC Merced's Search committee for a CIO is resuming its search for a CIO for UC Merced. An offer was made to the top candidate which was declined. The University is continuing its search for a new Vice Chancellor for Business and Administrative Services following the retirement of Mary Miller. The search is on-going and will hopefully result in a new Vice Chancellor by the spring term. The Graduate Dean Search Committee's work is also continuing, with several top candidates coming to campus recently for interviews with administration, faculty, and staff.

UCM Staff Assembly currently places a Representative on most executive level search committees and also holds a one hour Q&A forum to allow staff the opportunity to meet final candidates and provide the executive search committees with general Staff opinions and concerns for each candidate.

Quarterly Meetings With Senior Administrators

Chancellor Leland is continuing her quarterly meetings with UCM SA leadership, and we have added similar reoccurring meetings with Interim VC Michael Reese, and AVC for Human Resources Joanne Dunlap. The quarterly meetings with Chancellor Leland have proven to be great opportunities to voice staff concerns and encourage collaboration, and we expect similar results from our meetings with Interim VC Reese and AVC Dunlap.

Campuswide Committees

The call for new representatives went out to our constituents and we have interest in 6 of the 7 committees needing representation. Committee representatives were voted on in closed session of the Executive Board on 8/26/12 and will be announced in the near future.

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